

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2009

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 333F, SECTION 6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,
REGARDING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES OR MENTAL RETARDATION, DIRECTING THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO KEEP WAITING LISTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS
WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, BUT FOR WHOM
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED, AND THE REASONS
FOR THE LACK OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Chapter 333F, Section 6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation, enacted by the Legislature in 1998, the Department of Health is directed to "keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and to report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports." This report summarizes all wait lists for persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation waiting for services and supports.

As of June 30, 2008, there were no individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation on a waitlist for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. Due to the August, 2005 settlement and release agreement with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Department no longer maintains a waitlist for Waiver services by processing all individuals applying for the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. As a result, demand for Waiver services has increased yearly.

The Department does maintain one wait list for a non-mandated service, the Family Support Services Program (FSSP). This program reimburses families with individuals that reside in their family home for some services and supports, and has a small request list of 28 children with a budget of only \$75,000 annually. Most of the children on the request list will be accommodated through other funding streams or other State agencies.

There are no longer waitlists for the PICL, LASR, or Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) administered respite program. Respite is also available in the Medicaid-funded DD/MR Waiver program.

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

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Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver

As of June 30, 2008, there were **0** individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation waiting for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Waiver Services.

For FY '07, 161 individuals were admitted into the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver:

1 st Quarter	= 52
2 nd Quarter	= 30
3 rd Quarter	= 49
4 th Quarter	= <u>30</u>
	161

Non-mandated Services

Purchase of Service:

- 1) Partnerships in Community Living (PICL) – **No waitlist.** All 1,404 names on the PICL request list have been offered access to PICL funding.
- 2) Long-Term Adult Supports and Resources (LASR) – **No waitlist.** All 90 names on the LASR request list have been offered access to LASR.

Other non-mandated services:

- 1) Respite – There is no wait list for respite services. 92 individuals who were on the list have been removed from the respite request list. These were individuals who would qualify for Medicaid assistance if they applied or already recipients under the DD/MR Medicaid waiver program. Individuals were told to apply for medical assistance so they could qualify for respite services through the Medicaid waiver

program. Other individuals who were already enrolled in the Medicaid waiver program were informed that they would need to have their respite needs met through the waiver.

With the allotted funds respite services were provided as applications were received.

- 2) Family Support Services Program (FSSP) is a state funded program that supports an individual's living situation in the family home by reimbursing families for monies spent on services and supports. It is aimed at providing services to families to complement family resources. The majority of FSSP requests are for diapers. Examples of other services/supports requested include adaptive equipment, chore services, limited modification to home and vehicle, training and education services, limited transportation services, supplies not covered under family's health insurance, and adaptive supplies.

Adults on all islands are the highest priority, followed by individuals on the neighbor islands (both adults and children). There are a total of 28 children currently on the FSSP request list, with \$75,000 allocated in the DDD budget for this program. Since funding is limited for the FSSP, not all individuals requesting these services/supports can always be accommodated through this program. However, the DDD will always try to accommodate these individuals through other funding streams or other State agencies.

Summary

Due to the 2005 settlement and release agreement with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Department processes all applicants for the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver, and has not maintained any waitlist for Waiver services. Fully funding the Waiver by admitting all those eligible for Waiver services, has led to an increase of 161 new admissions in FY '08 (State match total = \$44,344,304, Federal match total = \$60,118,132, Total = \$104,462,436).

There are no waitlists for our purchase of service non-mandated services amounting to \$2,055,730.

The DOH Respite request list is not a waitlist (\$200,000 available for DDD under the DOH Respite program). Individuals on the request list who are also eligible for Waiver services are referred over to the Medicaid waiver where respite services are also available along with its matching Federal funds. Others who are not eligible for Medicaid waiver receive DOH Respite services. All families requesting respite are able to access this service from DDD.

Family Support Services Program is a small program with only \$75,000 allocated in the DDD budget. Servicing adults on all islands and adults and children on the neighbor islands first has created a small request list of about 28 children on Oahu that can usually be covered through other funding streams or agencies. The majority of FSSP requests are for diapers not covered by the Medicaid State Plan.